



Last Rites # 1
"Private Demons"

Lady Death has found herself ALIVE and once more on the planet Earth, in New York City, but without any memory of who she was. She has been befriended by VIRGIL SOLOMON, the ghost of a slain police detective, and has, in turn, befriended young SARAH WILSON who, with her brother Tommy, lives with their Uncle Ralph. Sarah was kidnapped by the DARK ONE - an avatar of the CHAOS Lords - and nearly sacrificed to them, a fate averted only by the intervention of Lady Death and the mysterious REAPER. But there ARE repercussions. . .

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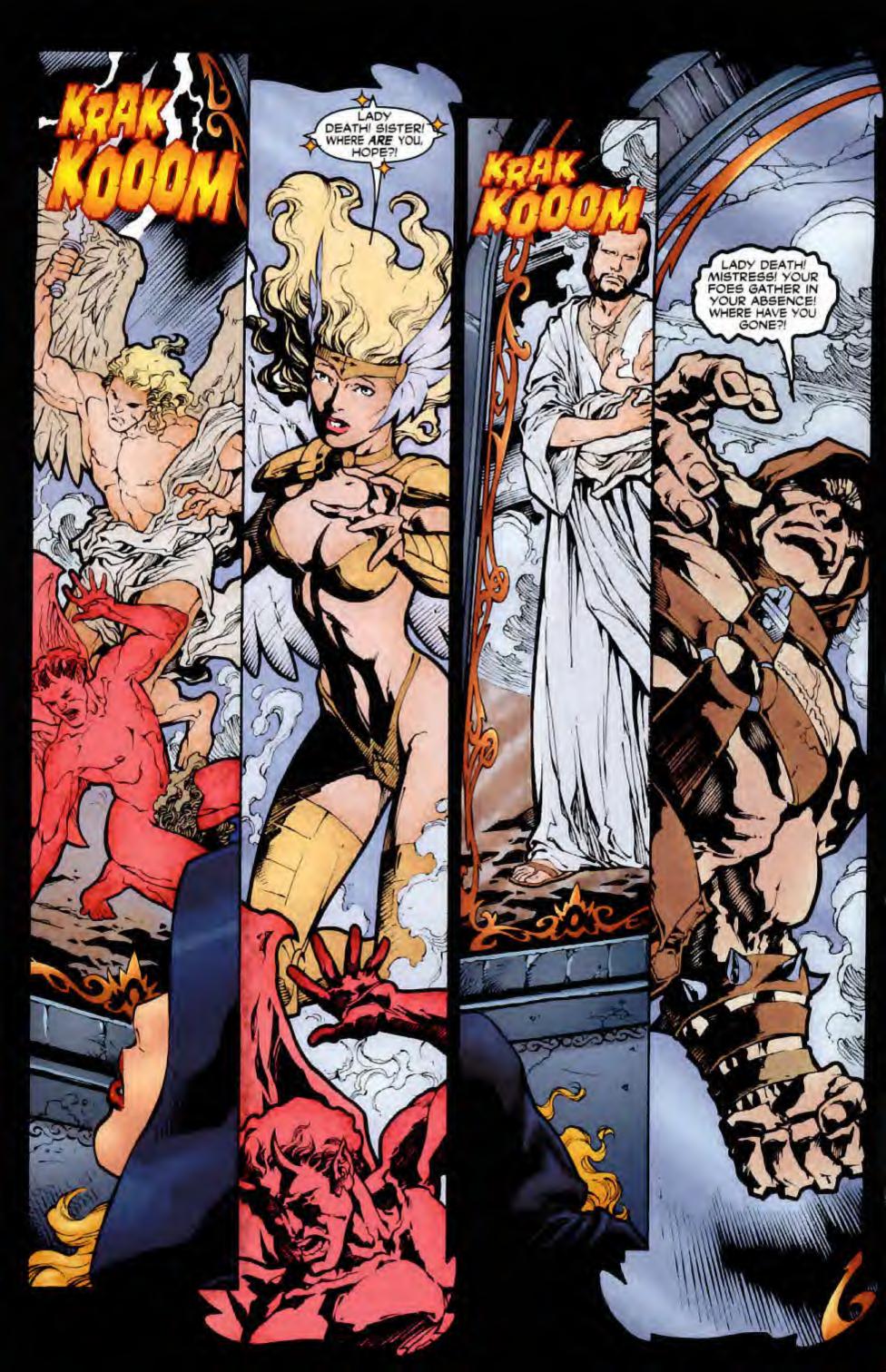
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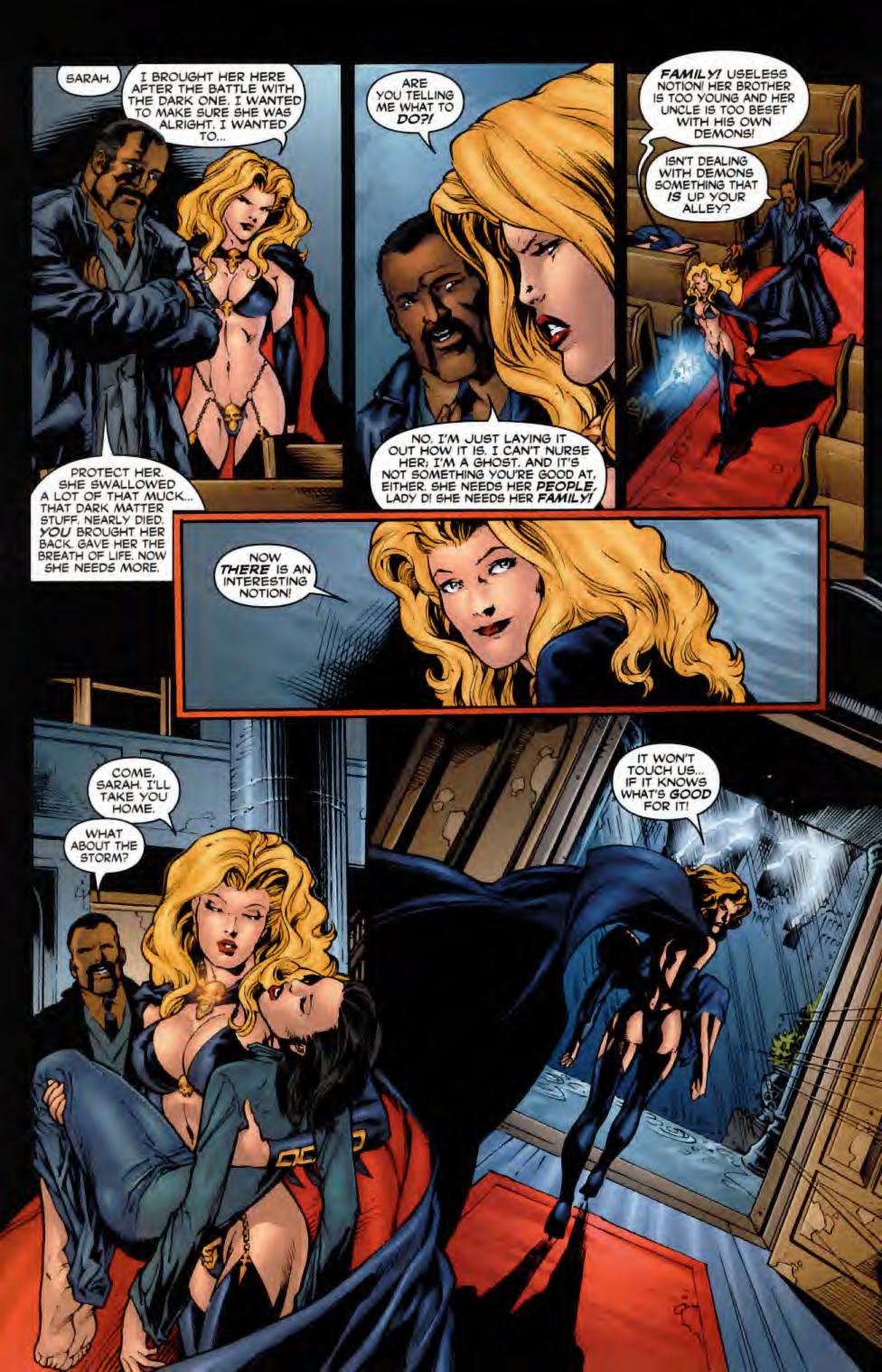
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## This end of the Your monthly News Source on

## From the Crypt

Last month, if you recall, I sang the praises of our behind-the-scenes pros who make Chaos! the powerhouse publisher we are today. Often it is the comic book creators that get the applause and acclaim in our business, but without the behind-the-scene folks our books, goodies (and plan of global domination) would not exist.

Take Erik Griner for example. Erik started out in our Customer Service Department, then graduated to Shipping and Receiving Manager, then last November he took over as Licensing and Manufacturing Projects Manager (that's a long freakin' title). What that means is that Erik gets to oversee and manage all the merch and swag from our licensees and in our relationship with Eternal Toys/Diamond Select Toys. Erik is a seasoned pro who is dedicated to "Where Darkness Dwells" like no other person. He also serves as Chaos! security if necessary.

Chad Soliman came to us as an intern, then through his staunch professionalism and fantastic work ethic, took on the post as our Marketing Manager. Ever upbeat and dedicated to our success, Chad is one of the secret weapons in our never ending war to bring Chaos! to the masses. Left up to Chad, Evil Ernie would adorn every Wheaties box in America (and couldn't America be a better place because of it?).

We discovered our latest powerhouse at our Fiend-Fest 2000 gathering. Marie Croall showed up to Fiend Fest with a love of Chaos!, comics and fandom in general. We saw something special in her and hired her as our Sales Manager. We have been rewarded with a passionate, determined pro who is fiercely dedicated and totally opinionated and has driven us to exceed all our goals for the year. Marie is awesome.

These are only a few of the hard-working and fun loving pros who make up the dark empire of Chaos! I will tell you about others in the future. Though the creators do a killer job for us, these folks deserve a big part of the credit too.

Sworn, Mr. Am. -Brian Pulido

PS – Remember, Evil Ernie Returns #1 is coming out on October 31, 2001 – Halloween! Reserve ten thousand copies NOW!

#### HANG A LITTLE CHAOS! ON YOUR TREE!

Coming in November are our 2001 edition holiday ornaments, just perfect for celebrating the season, Chaos-style. Whether you're putting them on a Christmas tree, a Menorah, or just on some winter garland, these killer ornaments are going to have people talking (okay, some of it will be about the appropriateness of Bad Kitty and company on religious symbols, but trust us, they'll be talking about how cool the ornaments look as well).

This year, the Chaos! ornament selection includes: Lady Death, Chastity, Purgatori, Smiley, Bad Kitty, and Jade. Yup - all our lovely ladies gathered together to help you celebrate the season. Be sure to order them early Fiends, because these won't be around too long!

## ICP: THE PENDULUM CONCLUDES IN NOVEMBER!

They said it couldn't be done! They said we were nuts to even try! A bi-monthly book about a rap group that included a brand new CD single with every issue? Maybe we were nuts, but Insane Clown Posse: The Pendulum has proven itself to be one of the comic book success stories of the past two years, brining new faces into comic shops and to ICP concerts. You can talk about the big boys all you want - Chaos! made this baby happen, and we've got folks in both the comic and music world sitting up and taking notice.

The explosive story of The

Pendulum comes to an end in November with issue #12 as everybody from the past two years that's still alive comes back for one final showdown with the Clownz! The Stress Team, Twiztid, Killnor, Jaxxsin, and the Dark Carnival Denizens will make an appearance, as will our beloved Clownz, Violent J and Shaggy 2 Dope! It's the final showdown, and if you think that the good guys always win, you need to pick this issue up - things aren't ever what you plan.

Regular writer Jesse McCann writes, and fan-favorite Jerry Beck will be on hand with the pencils. Keep an eye out too - issue #12 ships with two kickass covers!

### JADE RETURNS IN REDEMPTION

She's been a pain in Chastity and Purgatori's lives, has shown off in her own mini, *Turn Loose the Dragon*, and now, Jade returns in the four-issue *Redemption* that begins in November!

Returning to write are Buffy the Vampire Slayer alums Tom Sniegoski and Christopher Golden. Wilson Tortosa who exploded onto the scene when he illustrated *Turn Loose the Dragon* returns to pencil *Redemption*. While Wilson teased us with his manga style in Dragon, we're letting him go all out in *Redemption*, so expect it to have a very dark manga/anime look, feel and color.

If you missed it, Turn Loose the Dragon introduced a new world based in Shanghai, filled with bright neon lights and high-tech wizardry.

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Wilson will continue to refine that vision as Redemption moves the action to San Francisco. As for the story, look for Chris and Tom to continue humanizing Jade, as well as keeping the mix of stylized oriental action and insane martial arts going. This time out, Jade heads to America to venture into the heart of her enemy's lair. Once in the States however, Jade learns that things are not as simple as she would have hoped - the Triad families there have allied themselves with a mysterious group known only as the Progeny, and they are about to send their ultimate anti-vampire weapon, the Iron Racer to hunt her down.

TURN LOOSE THE DRAGON wowed new and old fans alike, while it flew out of shops, so be sure to order your copy of Jade: Redemption early! Along with the regular edition, be on the lookout for a premium cover penciled by Daerick Gross which features Jade engulfed in her namesake, green mist.

#### **BAD KITTY & CHAZ TEAM UP!**

As Catherine Bell continues to put her life back together, she opts for a quick trip to the city to see her parents. Little did she know she'd get involved in a middle of a four hundred year-old prophecy that would determine the future for all werekind. Nor did she know that she'd team with a renegade vampire or help protect a ten year-old girl from an ancient evil, either, but hey, it's the big city, and you never know whom you'll run into.

Grab Bad Kitty: Reloaded #2 as Joshua Dysart and Adriano Batista

continue to set this series on fire. Also, be on the lookout for the Bad Kitty: Reloaded #2 variant cover by Scott Lewis featuring an image of Catherine that's almost too hot for comics - just you wait.

#### LEGEND OF THE SAGE - HOW WIL IT END?

November sees the conclusion of Legend of the Sage by Brian Augustyn and Romano Molenaar, but as you know, it's still anybody's ball game as to how this one's going to wind up.

Both our heroes and those who would make the earth their own have located the exact axis point they need for control of the world. Battered, bruised and nearly broken by the events up to this point, does Victoria have the strength necessary to rise one final time to the challenge and fully grasp her destiny, or will she join the Others and take a place in the court of evil? The only way to find out is to pick up the final installment in Chaos! new fantasy realm.



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